

While I realize that the pecuniary interests of utility companies, Internet Service Providers and the FCC will most likely outweigh the concerns of licensed Amateur Radio Operators (hams) in the Broadband over Power Line (BPL) issue , I believe that it is incumbent upon the FCC to honor it's responsibilities to the ham community by protecting the spectra they have been assigned.

As 9/11/01, the search for debris from the Space Shuttle disaster, the annual routine of tornados, floods, hurricanes and such as well as the many other Public Service functions fulfilled by hams have demonstrated, the Amateur Radio Service is a valuable resource that must be protected.

Detailed research into the effects of BPL on ham frequencies and necessary rulemaking (including possible changes to Part 15) need to be undertaken to prevent interference that could literally cost lives in time of emergency and might seriously curtail the activity needed to be prepared for such.